which is not only affecting all the old projects, but has put a question mark on new projects as well;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures being taken by Government to complete the old and the new railway projects; and

(d) the project-wise/State-wise/zone-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In order to complete the ongoing Railway projects, Plan funds are being augmented by increased budgetary support from the Union Exchequer, exploring the possibility of funding from multilateral/bilateral funding agencies, participation of State Governments in Railway projects, formation of joint ventures with private parties and through Build Own Transfer (BTO) schemes.

(d) Allocation of funds to each project is contained in the budget documents placed before the House during the Budget session.

Expansion of Ayodhya railway station

410. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any proposal for expansion of Ayodhya railway station in Faizabad district;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when, it is likely to be taken up; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government would consider any such proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ayodhya station will become a junction station when the new line from Katra (North-Eastern Railway) to Ayodhya is opened. This new lines is sanctioned work at the cost of Rs. 80.72 crores. The amount, sanctioned

for junction arrangement at Ayodhya (Northern Railway), is Rs. 6.65 crores and the scope of work includes followings;

(i) One Passenger platform.

(ii) Panel interlocking alongwith colour light signalling.

(iii) Extension of all passenger platforms; and

(iv) Yard re-modelling.

The station has been declared as a model station and the passenger amenities, proposed for upgradation, are listed below for which work is in progress:

1. Improvement of 2nd Class Ladies and Gents waiting hall, complete with flooring, roofing, benches etc.
2. Provision of Sulabh type toilets, bathroom complete (latrine-20, toilet-4, bath room-2).
3. Provision of Kota Stone florring complete on platform No. 1.
4. Provision of Kota stone in portico and provision of tiles in waiting room floors, toilet (ladies and gents) complete. Ceiling fan and other misc. works.
5. Provision of mastic flooring on platform No. 1, outside of shed.
6. Provision of water booth and granite tiles inside on platforms No. 1 and 2.
7. Provision of drain with R.C.C. pile.
8. Modification of entrance gate and improvement of station building from architectural angle and other miscellaneous work.
9. Improvement of retiring room.
10. Provision of RCC overhead tank of 2,25,000 litres capacity in replacement of existing corroded steel tank.
11. Provision of platform shelter (46.00mm X 8.37m) on platform No. 2

(c) The yard remodelling work has been started and is in progress. The progress achieved is 12%. The upgradation of passenger amenities will be taken up shortly and completed expeditiously.

(d) Does not arise.